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Invention: Assessing the Condition of a Joint and Devising Treatment

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

The following remarks below are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 65 of this paper.

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